

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, September 8, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

Lord, God, the Ultimate Source of Compassion and Truth, we believe that we are all members of the one human family. Your family. As family members often disagree on family matters and other issues, so we, as citizens of this country's family with a diverse population, often disagree on goals and priorities. But we are all concerned with the well-being and the needs of all people, women, men, children and older adults. So we are grateful for the wonderful outpouring of love and concern of the entire population for the victims, their families and neighbors of Hurricane Katrina. Inspire us to keep the surviving and deceased victims of Katrina in our prayers, thoughts and charity. May we work together, as a nation, to heal the pain of the victims and rebuild their homes and communities.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Collective bargaining agreements.

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting requests (under Section 7 of Chapter 150E of the General Laws) for making fiscal year 2005 appropriations to fund collective bargaining agreements between the Middlesex Sheriff's Department, the Hampden Sheriff's Department, the Worcester Sheriff's Department, the University of Massachusetts, the Board of Higher Education and various unions (House, No. 4359) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, September 7.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Performance Recognition Day.  
Michael Vendetti.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. DiMasi of Boston) commending all state employees on the occasion of "Performance Recognition Day"; Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kujawski of Webster) congratulating Michael Vendetti on his achievements and dedication to Nichols College athletics; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kulik of Worthington) celebrating the town of Huntington's one hundred and fiftieth birthday;

Mrs. Harkins of Needham, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Demetrius J. Atsalis and Jeffrey Davis Perry for legislation to temporarily suspend the motor vehicle gasoline excise tax in the Commonwealth. Gasoline tax, moratorium.

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to temporarily suspend the excise tax imposed on the sale of gasoline. ri

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 9) of Eugene L. O'Flaherty relative to exempting a certain public waterfront walkway in the Charlestown Navy Yard in the city of Boston from the harbor line of said city. Boston, Charlestown Navy Yard.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing a public waterfront walkway to be exempted from the harbor line in the Charlestown Navy Yard in the city of Boston (House, No. 1305, changed) be scheduled for consideration by the House. Charlestown Navy Yard, waterfront walkway.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was referred, on further motion of the same member, to the committee on Rules.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a voting precinct in the city of Haverhill (see House, No. 4101) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the financial conditions in the Chesterfield Goshen Regional School District (House, No. 2603, changed);

Authorizing the retirement of Robert Welby of the Boston Police Department (House, No. 4121) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Hingham to convey certain land (House, No. 4267);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Melrose  
charter.

The Senate Bill providing a charter for the city of Melrose (Senate, No. 2174), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Festa of Melrose moved that it be amended in section 1, in Article 6, in Subsection 6-7, by striking out the first sentence contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: "Except as otherwise may be provided by law, no official of the city of Melrose shall knowingly and intentionally expend in any fiscal year any sums in excess of the appropriations duly made in accordance with law, nor involve the city in any contract for the future payment of money in excess of such appropriations."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2174, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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sitting.

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of Philip K. Kimball, a member of the House from Springfield from 1949 to 1968, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on further motion of Ms. Rogeness (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.